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SUBJECT: IAEA RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO CONVENTION
ON PREVENTION MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING

REF: IAEA VIENNA 1927

1. SWEDEN HAS AGREED DIR GEN EKLUND'S PLAN DESCRIBED
REFTEL. DRAFT PAPER BY SECRETARIAT EXPECTED BE AVAIL-
ABLE TO MISSION ABOUT MARCH 18.

2. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPY OF TRANSLATION FRENCH
COMMENTS IN LETTER OF FEB 20, 1974, FROM GOLDSCHMIDT.
COPY TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM TO DEPT, AEC AND EPA. APART
FROM SEVERAL COMMENTS OF TECHNICAL NATURE RE OECD
DOCUMENT USED BY PANEL, FRENCH COMMENTS INCLUDE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS (AS TRANSLATED BY SECRETARIAT) WHICH
SECRETARIAT INTERPRETS AS CONSISTENT WITH EKLUND'S
PRESENT APPROACH DESCRIBED REFTEL:

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AFTER A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE DOCUMENT, WE CAN

APPROVE ITS MAIN CONCLUSIONS, WHICH REPRESENT A PROMISING APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF RELEASING RADIO-ACTIVE WASTE. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT IT SHOULD BE REVISED WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE NEW DATA THAT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED SINCE THE DRAFTING OF THE DOCUMENT. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF UNCERTAINTY AS REGARDS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DUMPING SITES THAT HAVE NOT SO FAR BEEN STUDIED. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS ACCEPTED THAT THERE ARE NO CURRENTS IN THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEANS, BUT RECENT STUDIES HAVE IN FACT INVALIDATED THIS THEORY.

WE WOULD SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT THE WAYS IN WHICH THE CONVENTION IS APPLIED SHOULD BE DEFINED IN GREATER DETAIL BEFORE ANY DUMPING OPERATION IS UNDERTAKEN.
END QUOTE.PORTER

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